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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the amendments to the claims presented herein and the following remarks, reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as presented are earnestly solicited. As detailed in the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, Claims 1-29, 53-81, and 106-132 are pending, wherein Claims 1-29 and 53-81 have been allowed and Claims 106-132 have been rejected. In response to the Office Action, Claims 106-132 have been amended. The amendments to the claims find support throughout the Specification and the Drawings and no new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims now define patentable subject matter over the prior art cited in the Office Action and notice to such effect is requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 106-132 were rejected in the Office Action as being directed to non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. In response, the Applicant has amended Claims 106-132 to recite that the claimed subject matter is unambiguously directed to **a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program**. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Claims 106-132 now clearly comprise statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101 (MPEP §2106(IV)(B)(2)(a)), and that the rejection of Claims 106-132 under 35 U.S.C. §101 have been overcome.

Conclusion

In summary, the 35 U.S.C. §101 issues have been addressed and overcome by the Applicants in the pending claims. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the present invention, as defined by the pending claims, defines patentable and allowable subject matter. As such, Claims 106-132 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, in addition to Claims 1-29 and 53-81 which have already been allowed.

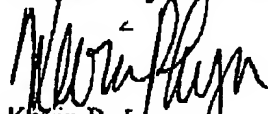
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In conclusion, for the reasons set forth above, the Applicant submits that all claims now pending are in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, notice to such effect is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest opportunity.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

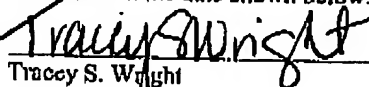


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